



# FEMA

## James K. Joseph Administrator – FEMA Region V (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH WI)



James K. Joseph was appointed by the President and began his service with FEMA as Regional Administrator on November 12, 2017 and was sworn in to Federal service by Administrator Brock Long in Washington, DC.

As the Regional Administrator, Joseph is responsible for the agency's response, recovery, preparedness, mitigation, grant, and mission support programs across the six-state region. He oversees a staff of nearly 200 employees, and an annual budget of nearly \$1.4 billion.

Joseph has over 15 years of senior leadership experience in both the private and public sectors. Prior to accepting his FEMA appointment, Mr. Joseph was a member of Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner's cabinet where he served in two capacities: Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), and Deputy State Homeland Security Advisor. In these roles, Joseph oversaw Illinois' disaster

preparedness and response, nuclear safety and homeland security programs.

Prior to that, Joseph served as the Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for DuPage County, Ill. (Illinois' second largest county) where he oversaw three county departments.

Joseph also founded his own company called Center for Security Intelligence, where he provided consulting services in security operations, workplace violence prevention and emergency management to both government and corporate clients.

Prior to owning his own business, Joseph was the Vice President of Security and Fraud Risk for HSBC - North America, the world's third largest bank. There, he managed physical security and investigation operations, including creating and implementing security protocols for North American operations serving nearly 70,000 employees, in addition to global security policies utilized in over 70 countries.

Joseph has served on numerous national organizations, including: Co-Chairman of the National Homeland Security Consortium, Executive Board of the National Emergency Management Association, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security State and Local Intelligence Executive Council. He has served in municipal government as well, both as Chairman of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, and the Chairman Pro-Tem of the Planning and Zoning Commission in Carol Stream, Ill.